



SGA fights against "slum" landlords

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News Editor

Complaints by off-campus students about irresponsible or absentee landlords are not unusual at SSU. Some have even gone so far as to refer to these individuals as "slum landlords," property owners whose establishments are less than savory and perhaps even downright unsafe.

Housemates Kelly Brown and Giovanna Gatto's landlord troubles began in August when they moved in and have yet to be resolved. The property has changed ownership three times, with the most recent owner threatening Gatto with legal action because she refuses to pay a mysterious \$860 charge. Gatto and Brown said they have tried to discuss the matter several times with the owner, but still have not been given an explanation. They claim they have paid their rent and have bank statements to

prove that the rent checks have cleared.

"It's always this big runaround," said Gatto. "We call [the company] and they tell us to call someone at this other number, who then tells us to call the number we started out with. It's back and forth." According to Gatto, piles of fencing materials have littered the yard since November and their parking lot was never properly cleared after the last snow storm, forcing them to park haphazardly.

The severity of sophomore Nikki Rittling's landlord problems have gotten to the point where she has decided it is time to move out. "[The landlord] just doesn't

fix things that really need to be fixed," explains Rittling. "We didn't have heat for eight days."

According to Rittling, the landlord keeps promising to repair the holes in the walls, but never does. "He tries to blame the problems on us, instead of just fixing

them," said Rittling. She also doubts that neither she nor any of her housemates will ever see a penny of their \$1000 security deposit, which was \$200 more than one month's rent to begin with.

Heather Pikalow and Alyssa Johnson, juniors, who live elsewhere but are renting from the same landlord, have had similar problems and also plan to move out. "He's supposed to give us 24-hour

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Top ten vie for presidency

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The search for SSU's new president comes to a close as the initial 86 applicants for the position were recently reduced to just 10 finalists. On Friday, Feb. 4, a panel of 16 search committee members narrowed the candidate pool of the top 20 to 10 individuals, all of whom have previously served as president or vice-president of a university.

The rigorous selection process involves painstaking efforts to separate the good from the best. Now that the 10 finalists have been chosen, the search committee plans to begin the elimination process through in-depth 90-minute interviews, held Feb. 18-20 at a hotel near BWI Airport.

The committee, comprised of five faculty and three staff members, four distinguished community members, two students, and representatives from the Chancellor's Office and the Board of Re-

gents, hopes to reduce the number of finalists to five by the end of the weekend. The names of the candidates will then be released.

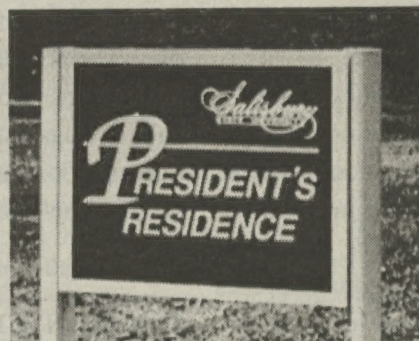
Once the five candidates have been determined, they will visit the campus in order to meet with faculty and staff

members, students, and various student organizations. Dr. Tom Jones, Dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology and head of the search committee, hopes to begin the on-campus interviews by Feb. 28, and to finish some time in the

middle of March.

"Our final job is to select three of the five individuals and present those names to the Board of Regents," said Jones. "The Board will interview the three finalists and then pick the president."

Jones said the selection process should be completed in early April. The new president is expected to take office on July 1, 2000.



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In Case You Missed It...

"PEANUTS" AUTHOR, CHARLES SHULTZ, DIES AT 77

Charles Schultz, renowned for his comic strip "Peanuts," died late Saturday night at home in Santa Rosa, California. Schultz was suffering from colon cancer, but reportedly died of a heart attack in his sleep. Schultz wrote the "Peanuts" comic strip for nearly fifty years. The final strip appeared in the Feb. 13, 2000 Sunday newspaper. Schultz taught art and sold cartoons for a living, eventually developing a strip called "Li'l Folks" that was renamed "Peanuts" when it was sold to syndication in 1950. Schultz was to have been honored in May with a lifetime achievement award from the National Cartoonist Society. The artist was 77.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH COM- MISSION DECLINES TO TAKE POSITION ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

An Episcopal Church commission declined to take a position on same sex unions. If church leaders decide to follow the report's recommendations, they would leave in place an unofficial policy that lets individual dioceses decide whether or not to bless gay marriages. This unofficial policy has angered many conservatives since it does not say what the rule is one way or another. The decision is left entirely up to the congregation. Officially, the Episcopal Church upholds the Christian tradition limiting intimacy to heterosexual marriage. The United Methodist Church will be the next institution to debate the same-sex marriage issue.

RAY LEWIS OF THE BALTI- MORE RAVENS ACCUSED OF TAKING PART IN MURDER

Police say that Ray Lewis was actively involved in a post-Superbowl brawl in Atlanta that led to two fatal stabbings. Lewis allegedly also lied re-

peatedly to investigators to protect his friends. Prosecutors said they will seek murder indictments against the Ravens linebacker and two associates who are still at large in the Atlanta killings.

MCCAIN AND BUSH, NECK AND NECK IN THE PRESIDEN- TIAL RACE

Presidential candidate John McCain has cut national front-runner George W. Bush's lead among California Republicans in half, according to a poll released Feb. 13. Less than three weeks ago, Bush held McCain by 40 points in the Field Poll. A survey released on Sunday showed Bush ahead, 46 to 27 percent. Alan Keyes and Steve Forbes drew four percent and one percent respectively. The poll also showed McCain in a statistical tie with Democratic nominee Al Gore in a potential general election match-up in California, and ahead of Gore's rival, Bill Bradley. The poll also showed Bush slipping against Gore, who were statistically tied against each other last month, but with Gore now leading 49-42. It's still anyone's game.

Y2K DIDN'T TURN OUT AS BAD AS WE THOUGHT IT WOULD

As people all over the world celebrated the year 2000, they also held their breath in anticipation of what might happen at the stroke of midnight. After years of hearing about the Y2K bug and all the damage it could cause to every day life, the world had no idea of what to expect in the coming millenium. Most of us just hoped it would start out with a bang, figuratively speaking, of course, and not with a literal explosion of terrorism, rioting, and technological difficulties. The world over drew a huge sigh of relief when the first countries, such as Australia and its neighbors, welcomed the new year with nothing more colorful than some fireworks. As each country and nation celebrated the turn in suc-

cession, the next to come heaved a collective sigh as everything went off without a hitch. After all the festivities and once people realized that the world was not going to explode, that Armageddon was not upon us, life has essentially returned to normal. The few Y2K problems that have sprung up here and there have been hard-put to stick around as experts worked fast and furiously to quell the uprising of any spurious bugs. Year 2000 brought with it nothing more se-

rious than some hang-overs and an overwhelming awe of starting a new millenium.



Overheard on Red Square

Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!

*In the parking lot, we can go sliding;
and make fun of others as they fall...
(sung to the tune of "Let it Snow")
Weather...*

*But seriously... what is going on? It's
55 degrees one day and snowing the
next.*

Any room left?

*A Spanish class in Maggs Gym? So,
who did the scheduling anyway?*

Where's Teresa?

*We've been looking all over, but she's
just not here.*

SSU's webcam

*Don't do anything embarrassing by
Fulton Hall - all the world can see.*

SSU student leaders attend National leadership conference

Natasha Byrd Contributing Writer

Over the past winter break, the executive boards of the Union of African-American Students (UAS), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), as well as select members from both organizations, attended the annual Carroll F.S. Hardy National Black Student Leadership Development Conference. This three-day event took place from Jan. 6-9 at the Holiday Inn Select, Koger Center in Richmond, VA. Over 1500 students from across the nation's top colleges and universities attended.

The theme for this year's conference was "Making the Journey, Realizing the Dream and Reaping the Harvest." The conference provided the student leaders with the opportunity to meet new people as well as enhance their leadership skills. Throughout the weekend, keynote lecturers and facilitators used the conference's theme as a backdrop for their messages, so that the student leaders would be empowered to go back and make a difference on their campus as well as in their communities.

The first day of the conference was devoted to registration, networking, and various mandatory meetings for college advisors. Throughout the conference, there were several keynote speakers; however, the first evening began with Dr. Mary Frances Berry. Dr. Berry, who spoke at SSU last February, is the Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought at the University of Pennsylvania, where she teaches history and law. She

is also one of the founding members of the Free South Africa Movement. The basis of Dr. Berry's speech was the Civil Rights' journey. She reminded the student leaders that there could be no freedom without struggle. Dr. Berry encouraged, as well as challenged, all of the student leaders to "mobilize and be smart", and to "formulate business plans that would allow African-American business men and women to develop a venture capital that would enable ambitious young entrepreneurs to start up a business of their own."

Aaron McGruder, the 25-year old creator and cartoonist of the comic strip, "Boondocks," was the keynote speaker on Jan. 7. "Boondocks" is widely known and has recently been picked up by newspapers in 195 cities. McGruder's comic features "hip-hop references, Japanese manga-style drawings and a candid discussion of race." Although McGruder's strip has received negative criticism for its portrayal of interracial marriages and perpetuation of stereotypes, he encouraged the student leaders to always be themselves. He also commented, "If you are going to lead, lead for a purpose and have a certain charisma while doing it."

Lawrence Otis Graham, a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School, as well as the author of 11 books; his newest being "Our Kind of People: Inside America's Black Upper Class," was the keynote speaker during lunch. Graham stressed that African-Americans, no matter how successful they become, should never apologize for their successes or their ambitions. In addition,

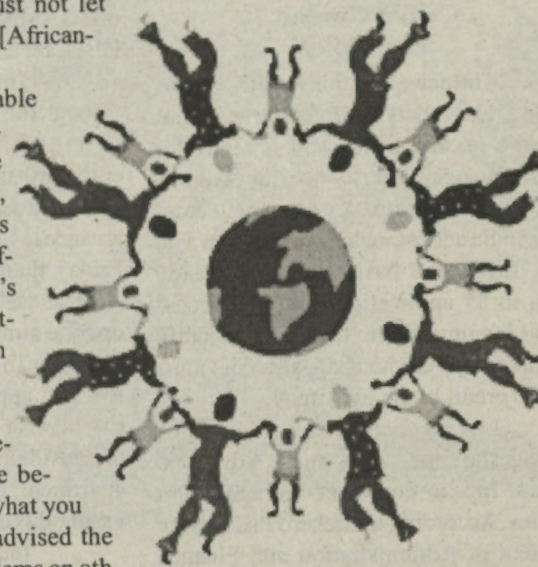
Graham stressed that "we must not let people narrowly define who we [African-Americans] are."

On Jan. 8, the honorable Judge Joe Brown, the non-traditional presiding judge of the syndicated courtroom show, "Judge Joe Brown," served as the opening keynote lecturer. After listening to Judge Brown's powerful speech, his commitment to making a difference in people's lives was quite evident. In addition, he cautioned the student leaders to "be careful about what you perpetuate because you often don't realize what you are doing." Furthermore, he advised the leaders not to blame their problems on others, but rather "the person in the mirror." Lastly, he encouraged the leaders that although there are "wrongs within society," as future leaders, they can begin to correct those wrongs.

The most dynamic speaker of the entire conference was Dr. Debyii Thomas. Her list of credentials include speaker, educator, consultant and minister. Her presentations are a "source of motivation and inspiration to innumerable persons throughout the nation." Dr. Thomas' message likened our role of leaders as a trying journey. She cautioned us that there would be some wrong turns, things that fall apart or break on our journey. However, she encouraged that, as leaders, we should always press on, and that we should help out our brothers and sisters who might be down along the way. Furthermore, she affirmed that "no matter what becomes difficult or hard, keep on and you will only get stronger. Never become discouraged."

The closing banquet featured George E. Curry, Editor-in-Chief of Emerge: Black America's Newsmagazine and a regular panelist on "Lead Story," a news analysis program that airs each Sunday on BET. He is also Vice President of the American Society of Magazine Editors and in the year 2000, will become President of the American Society of Magazine Editors (ASME), the first African-American and non-New York based editor to hold the association's top office. As with previous speakers, Curry focused on the topic of leadership, but like his magazine, he approached the topic by "taking no prisoners in his search for truth."

Throughout the conference, the student leaders were provided with the opportunity to attend workshop sessions, so that they could "realize the journey, create



a dream and reap the harvest." There were a variety of workshops to choose from, including: Building Coalitions and Finding Ground Among Diverse Groups on Campus, Resume Writing: Skills for Success, The Spiritual Leadership Journey, Networking: Using Who You Know to Get Where You Want to Go, and Approaching Campus Power: Speaking Truth. This conference also enabled the SSU minority executive boards the opportunity to network and bring potential speakers here on campus. As a result of this opportunity, the UAS was fortunate enough to enlist Charles Barron as one of the keynote speakers for Black History Month.

Dr. Carroll F.S. Hardy, Conference Founder and Coordinator, delivered the closing remarks to end this year's conference. Dr. Hardy thanked everyone for going through all the trials and tribulations of putting this conference together year after year. Dr. Hardy believes that the beginning of the New Year is an important time to hold the conference because "it signifies a new journey and a time of renewal." She was also grateful that the student leaders chose to start their journey off at the conference.

The National Black Student Leadership Development Conference was a beneficial and life-changing experience for all those in attendance. It empowered its attendees to become better leaders at SSU in the hopes that we can forge new relationships and cultivate allies in our attempts to diversify the campus. SSU's attendance at this year's conference would not have been possible without the efforts of Interim President Joel Jones; Dr. Carol Williamson, Dean of Student Affairs; Appropriations; and the Office of Multiethnic Services.

In attendance at the conference::

Vaughn White - Director of Multiethnic Student Services
Brandi Mahone - UAS President
Natasha Byrd - UAS Vice President
Bradley Bronson - NAACP President
Donnell Cole - NAACP Vice President
Tamika Pinckney - NAACP Secretary
Dorsey Cook - NAACP Treasurer
Rebecca Marcolini - NAACP Sergeant at Arms
Tasha Demby - RD Manokin Hall
Conzal King - RA St. Martin's Hall
Olufemi Redwood-Turral
Darren Jackson
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University Park Apartments offer solution to housing crisis

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The newest option for off-campus housing, University Park Apartments, has opened a leasing office and is ready for maximum occupancy starting Aug. 1, 2000. The 576-occupancy apartment complex will be accepting applicants on a first come, first serve basis, and has already drawn in 55 applications and distributed several hundred more. In order to qualify for University Park housing, a student must have 30 credit hours by Aug. 1.

In response to the on-campus housing shortage, SSU hired Allen and O'Hara, Inc. to construct the apartment complex. According to Richard Pusey, Vice President of Administration and Finance at SSU, the privatization of the project was more cost effective than contracting the construction through the school.

"University Park is an exciting new apartment alternative for SSU students wishing to move off-campus following freshman year," said General Manager of University Park, Kelly Bollinger.

There are seven co-ed buildings in University Park, each with three floors. The complex includes a swimming pool, sand volleyball courts, and a large screen television in the clubhouse. Every apartment is single sex and comes fully furnished with a bed, dresser, and desk in each of the four rooms as well as in each unit: two full baths, a living/dining area, full kitchen, carpeted floors, a dining table, four chairs, and couch in the living area.

Each unit is also equipped with a washer, dryer and dishwasher, as well as central heating and air conditioning. The complex provides for trash pick-up and

offers cable with 61 channels, including HBO, for \$10 a month per resident.

Internet service is available through the University's system. Each unit is responsible for contacting the phone company and setting up a system for his/her apartment. The facility also has a maintenance team in operation Monday through Friday that will be on-call during weekends, as well as a security team which will operate similarly.

To apply for an apartment, there is a \$15 application fee and a \$175 security deposit that will be returned in full if the resident decides against leasing the apartment, or at the end of the lease, providing there is no damage to the unit.

Individual, one-year leases are available for \$361 per month per person plus utilities, which may range from \$70 to \$90 split among the four occupants, according to Bollinger. The cost of living at University Park is slightly higher than that of on-campus housing, which averages \$363 per month including utilities, according to www.ssu.edu.

Since each lease is individual, there is a chance that residents could be randomly matched up into an apartment, similar to the roommate system on campus. According to Bollinger, each resident will get the option of filling out a preference form that will assist in his/her placement into respective units. If four people want to live together in the same apartment, "We can't absolutely guarantee it, but there is a good chance," said Bollinger.

There will be a residence life system like the one operating on campus. According to Bollinger, there have already been inquiries about jobs for resident as-



The construction of the complex, located on Milford Drive off Route 13, is well underway.

sistants for the apartment complex. The whole residence life program has not been worked out yet, but Bollinger said resident assistants will be required to provide for programs and individual events for the

various buildings. Resident assistants will be trained by a team from Allen and O'Hara's educational services, a subsidiary see UNIVERSITY page 5

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University Park Apartments are expected to be ready for occupancy by August 1.

They're back... New kiosks constructed on campus

Jen Abbatiello
Editor in Chief

Has anyone noticed anything strange around campus? No, it's not the large piles of snow and ice, but rather something that was removed from campus a while ago and has since been returned.

Give up? The kiosks (that's the name of those things that you post all the flyers on.) They're back and excuse the cliché, but they're better than ever.

The original four kiosks were removed during the summer of 1998 after being declared dysfunctional. In a letter to the student organization presidents and advisors dated Aug. 28 1998, Vice President of Student Affairs Carol Williamson had explained the University's reasons for getting rid of them.

"The four outdoor kiosks on campus were removed this summer for a variety of reasons, including complaints from student organizations whose promotional materials were covered over by other organizations or off-campus vendors," Williamson wrote. Also cited were the

kiosks' "questionable value as an effective means of promotion, increased availability of other means of promotion, the display of offensive material, and their perpetual state of disarray."

The new kiosks, although not as many in number, are a bit more elaborate than the old wooden ones that had stood on the grounds of the University for a considerable length of time.

President of SGA Christine Pelletier said she is quite pleased that the kiosks have returned. "It's a great way for student activities to advertise and to reach a much greater number of students," said Pelletier. "Not every student goes into every building, it's much more effective to have the central location offered by kiosks that everyone will see."

Students have been pushing for the return of the kiosks for some time. At a Registered Student Organization Presidents meeting last spring, several students requested that former President William Merwin work on getting the kiosks back on campus. Merwin agreed, as long as the



The old kiosks were removed as a result of their clutter and utter dysfunction.

SGA would create a system involving the maintenance of such boards.

SGA has hired students to put up and keep the kiosks clear of clutter and expired items. Announcements that would like to be posted on the kiosks must be handed into the SGA office,

where they will be posted and then removed once their date has passed.

"I'm glad they're back," commented Williamson. "The students have been really conscientious in trying to create a system. They should be a great enhancement."

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Apartment complex expects success

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of Allen and O'Hara Inc., that has been in the education services "for over 40 years."

Students may still purchase a meal plan from the University, but the apartment style living encourages cooking at home. University Dining Services (UDS) will provide a deli-style snack center at the Clubhouse in the complex, which will accept the Gull card, as well as cash.

"The comments that we've gotten from students have been really popular," Bollinger said. Word has gotten around so more and more students know what what University Park is and where it is located. Both Pusey and Bollinger anticipate the apartment

complex to be a hit.

"[University Park] is a great idea. I'm doing it and a lot of my friends are too," said freshman Carrie Lewis. Freshman Lisa Gentilella said the price was a little high, but added, "It's a great opportunity for a student to enjoy the perks of off-campus life, while also being linked to friends and campus activities." Similarly, freshman Sarah Sandford said, "The benefits outweigh the costs."

If you are interested in University Park Apartments, the leasing office is located in the Commons Room S-11 (next to the Commons cashier stand) or you can call (410) 548-5753. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Health Watch...

Tampons linked to endometriosis

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Staff Writer

Labels on tampon boxes already warn women of the risk of toxic shock syndrome (TSS) and how to avoid it. Evidence suggests, however, that it is time for these warnings to also include information about endometriosis, a less known, but possibly more dangerous, tampon-related disease.

Endometriosis causes the lining of the uterus to escape by flowing backward through the fallopian tubes. It then attaches itself to the abdominal organs and ovaries. The loose tissue goes through a monthly cycle similar to menstruation. It grows, then sheds, and finally bleeds. Without an outlet, though, the blood continues to swell inside the body, causing painful cysts, tumors, and lesions.

Though a definite source of the disease has not been determined, endometriosis may be caused by a number of different factors, mainly genetics and exposure to Dioxin, a chemical found in some brands of tampons.

Dioxin is a highly toxic chlorine by-product and is considered to be one of the most harmful synthetic chemicals on Earth. When chlorine gas is mixed with the organic compounds in cellulose, such as during the bleaching process used to purify the cotton in tampons, Dioxin is the result.

The Endometriosis Association reported that 79 percent of a group of monkeys exposed to Dioxin developed endometriosis. The greater the level of exposure, the more severe the symptoms. Dioxin has also been linked to certain types of cancer and birth defects.

Despite this and other evidence uncovered in the early 1990s linking dioxin-contaminated tampons to endometriosis, some tampon manufacturers continue to use rayon fibers and chlorine bleaching in production, two likely sources of contamination.

Some companies, such as Proctor and Gamble, the makers of Tampax, have switched to chemicals other than chlorine. This may nearly eliminate Dioxin (TCCD), but not all dioxins.

Dioxins are part of the organochloride family, Dioxin or TCCD being one of the most potent. Although the names of the substances - Dioxin and dioxins - differ only by one letter, there is an enormous distinction between the two.

"There is a difference between Dioxin and [other] dioxins," said Dr. Mike Devito, a toxicologist for the Environmental Protection Agency. "You find the ones that are a thousand times less potent and even less soluble. You don't find Dioxin [in Tampax], but you do find dioxins."

Dioxins are still a health concern for humans and the fact that tampons are

no longer contaminated with dioxin is questionable.

"Technically, [companies] can't say something is Dioxin-free," said Kim Kelly, environmental coordinator for the Endometriosis Association. "If 100 percent organic companies can't say it, then how can [Proctor and Gamble]?"

One of the reasons for the uncertainty is that humans are exposed to dioxins on a daily basis, 95 percent coming from our diet and the other five from the inhalation of air particles and soil absorption.

For women, only about 0.1 to 0.2 percent of their total exposure comes from tampons, singled out as the culprit because of the direct contact with the bloodstream. When inside the body, tampons make women more susceptible to dioxin exposure due to the natural absorbency of the vaginal tissue.

The FDA has reportedly said that the worst place to put Dioxin is in a tampon. Ronni Bregman, operations manager for Terra Femme tampon company, said, "All of this has been hidden from women. The FDA has known about potential health problems associated with tampons for years but has not acted."

Symptoms of endometriosis include extreme pelvic pain, pain with intercourse, constant fatigue, and painful bowel movements during menstruation. Lasting effects are more severe, with cysts, tumors, lesions, and damage to the reproductive system possible. The Endometriosis Association reports that the disease may also be responsible for 25 to 50 percent of the infertility cases in women.

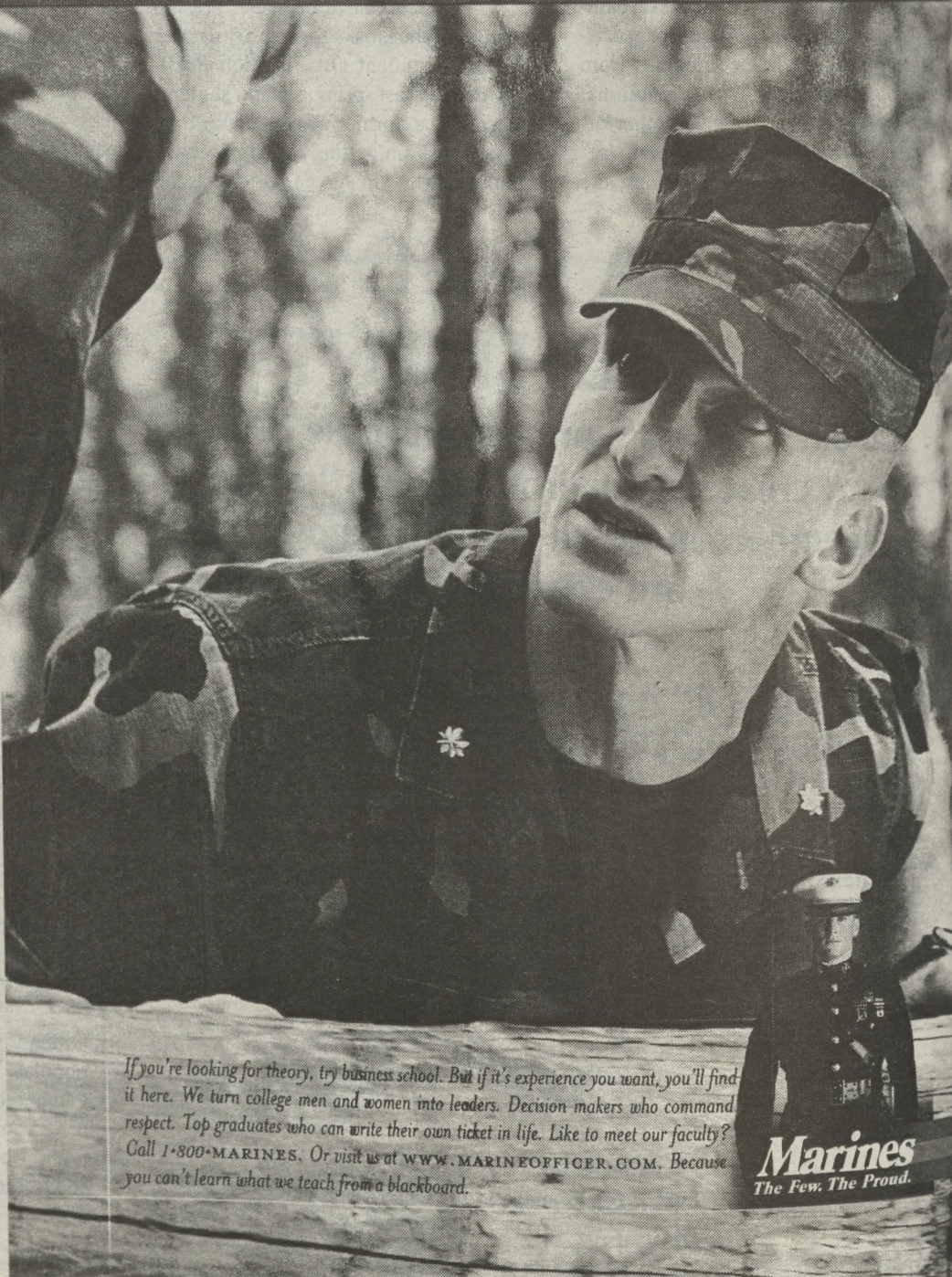
Tampax brand tampons uses a chlorine-free process in production that virtually eliminates Dioxin and also offers a line of 100 percent cotton tampons called Tampax

Naturals. The Terra Femme tampon company also has a line of all-natural, rayon-free tampons on the market. According to Bregman, tampons that expand outward, not upward, are the safest kind to use.

"The smartest thing a woman can do is open up a tampon and stick it in a glass of water to see which way it expands," said Bregman.

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SSU launches Shore Scholars Fund

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In an effort to keep "our best scholars on the Shore," SSU has launched the Shore Scholars Fund.

"We've got some terrific kids graduating from Eastern Shore high schools," said Jack Freistat, director of special gifts at SSU. "They're good students, good athletes, good employees - good citizens. They're our best asset, yet many of them can't afford a premier education at SSU."

"For many of them, it boils down to money," said Freistat. These students are highly sought after, yet financial difficulties often deter them from their first choice of study. Working students often spend two to three years longer than their peers to achieve a Bachelor's Degree. Among local students enrolled at SSU this fall, more than half have a B+ average, but only 20 percent are getting scholarship support.

"Students who have to work for a quality education often take longer to graduate," explained Freistat. "They lose valuable time and Eastern Shore employers lose a chance to have the talented and energetic new employees needed to build and grow local businesses."

The Shore Scholars fund offers an affordable yet highly effective tool for

keeping good students on the Eastern Shore. An annual gift of \$1000 to \$2500 would be used to build the fund.

"A half-tuition scholarship to SSU costs just \$2000 per year," said Freistat. "That's about one-eighth of the tuition at the average private school. SSU can offer almost everything a student is looking for: quality faculty, a challenging academic program, leadership opportunities, and internships - all on a beautiful campus. What SSU needs is funding for scholarships."

A pair of funds has been established: one for students who have academic merit and another for students who have merit and need. Donors can select the fund they wish to support. Contributions over \$1000 will entitle the donor to membership in SSU's President's Club, as well as

the benefits therein.

Edward Wilgus, CEO of Wilgus Insurance Agency in Salisbury, made the first donation to the newly established program. Accepting on behalf of the Univer-

sity is Jack Freistat, SSU director of Special Gifts.

For more information, call Freistat 410-546-6939.



Edward Wilgus makes the first donation to the Shore Scholars Fund, with Jack Freistat accepting on behalf of SSU.

Renter's Fair helps students Find their home sweet home

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notice, according to the lease, before showing the house to anyone," said Pikalow. "But he'll call at 10 p.m. to tell us someone will be there at 9 the next morning." This summer, Pikalow said that she and her roommates endured the heat with windows that had been painted shut, no air conditioning, and when the windows were finally opened, no screens.

The list goes on and on. So last year, in response to the growing number of complaints, the SGA took action in order to help students avoid nightmares like these. A student survey was conducted under the supervision of former SGA President Lee Roth.

Designed to expose "slum" or negligent landlords, students were asked to rate their landlords in regards to such

topics as responsiveness to reported problems, value of the property for the rent, and whether the security deposit was returned, if it should have been. The results were then compiled into a pamphlet.

The SGA never got the chance to distribute this valuable literature because two of its members, including Roth, were personally threatened with lawsuits. Instead, the SGA implemented the Renter's Fair, organized by Michael Andersen, former Vice President of External Affairs.

According to Doug Church, the current Vice President of External Affairs, the event was a success, but said he hopes that even more students will attend this year's fair tomorrow, Feb. 16, in the Wicomico Room from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"It's hard to get off-campus housing," commented Church. "We are trying

to connect students with quality landlords."

Landlords from the Salisbury area, along with several representatives from University Park, will be on hand to showcase what they have available and to answer questions. Some participants will be accepting applications.

Vice President of Student Affairs Barry King will also be present to answer students' questions concerning off-campus living and how it relates to other student issues.

Salisbury City Police have also been invited, but as of Sunday evening, had not responded.

According to Church, only those landlords that ranked well in last year's survey have been invited. Attendance is highly recommended for anyone thinking about moving off-campus.

DON'T MISS THE RENTER'S FAIR! WEDNESDAY 4:30-8:00 P.M. WICOMICO ROOM

Flock of changes at Gull's Nest

Minda Thorward
News Editor

SSU's finicky eaters and on-the-go commuting students just won a major battle with University Dining Services (UDS). Several significant changes to the Gull's Nest Eatery and Pub have been implemented for the Spring 2000 semester.

Meal cardholders have been given a larger allowance for breakfast items, boosting the original \$1.65 to \$3.00. Students are also being offered a wider variety of options for all meals.

Breakfast hours have been extended by an hour and a half, to accommodate the demand of students with earlier class schedules, who wish to get a full hot breakfast to go. From 8:00 to 10:30 a.m., students are now able to purchase a breakfast value meal as part of their meal plan.

During lunch and dinner, in addition to the regular value meals, daily entree specials that fit on the meal card are also available, along with a larger variety of fresh salads. Vegan and vegetarian burritos are alternatives for non-meat-eaters who may be growing tired of salad and Bocca burgers.

According to UDS Director Jane Fandray and Associate Director Carmen A. DiSylvestro, the Gull's Nest was not originally designed to handle the number of people it is currently serving. Over the past few years, its customer base has dramati-

cally expanded. DiSylvestro attributes this growth to the rising number of commuters who want to purchase a hot meal to go. "Many customers lead a 'Grab-N-Go' lifestyle that doesn't allow them to sit down and eat a meal," he commented.

"It took seven years to build the Commons and a lot of time, work and attention went into retail," explained DiSylvestro. "Now, we just need to focus more attention on service."

The management team, headed by Kathy Washington, has made numerous adjustments to meet the demands for quick service and a large selection of foods. "There has been a dramatic improvement in service," notes Fandray, citing examples of students who now wait longer in the soda line than they do for their meal.

The Gull's Nest Pub was designed to provide not only snacks and drinks, but also entertainment to its customers. However, Fandray said, "I have been very disappointed with the lack of foot traffic at the Pub." In an effort to draw more patrons, UDS has been working with SOAP to bring in new activities and entertainment.

In addition to the changes instituted in the Gull's Nest, several improvements have been made to the food carts in Fulton Hall and Caruthers Hall. "[They] started out as carts and have evolved into vending rooms," said DiSylvestro.

The UDS changes are new, and their success has yet to be determined.



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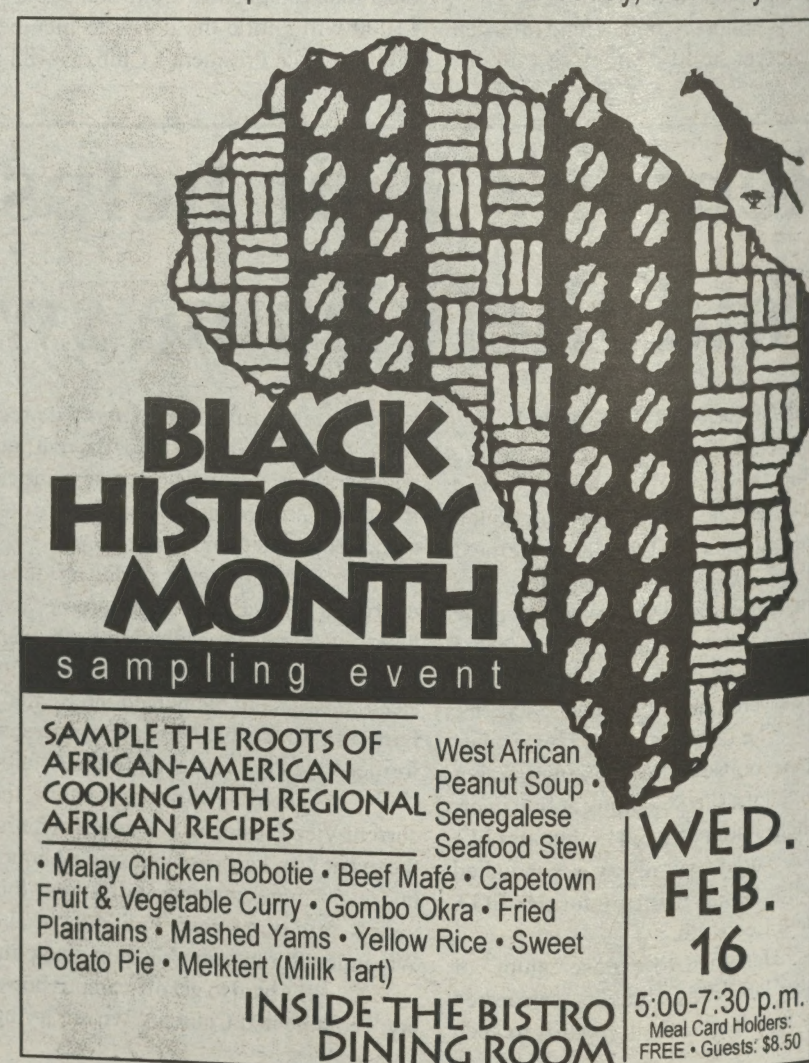
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Point of View

Maytag hangs students out to dry

College students, stereotypically, do not have a tremendous amount of money. If so, then it seems a bit ridiculous that we have to pump in about \$5 in quarters to the washers and dryers just to get a quasi-clean/quasi-dry pair of jeans. Who agrees?

Our brand new Maytag washers and dryers have proved to be completely useless. Everyone who lived on campus last year recalls the fire that broke out in one of the residence halls as a result of a defective dryer. Similarly, residents of Severn Hall have not had much use of these machines since the fall semester, as a result of their complete dysfunction.

The company that owns the washers and dryers, Webd, is not related to SSU - it is an outside company. The process is known as privatization, or in this particular instance, contractual outsourcing. It is when a non-SSU based company is brought into the school to complete a specific job with an agreement that is somewhat similar to the laissez-faire or "hands-off" type of government. SSU no longer has much to do with the maintenance or upkeep on the products of such a company, since it is the company's responsibility to maintain what it provides.

The Assistant Directors have also been doing what they can. They keep calling the company that owns these machines and yet, the washers and dryers continue to remain broken. One A.D. said, "This is one of the problems with having an outside company own the washers and dryers."

Is this a sign for those in charge of the privatization issue? If we bring in more outside companies, are we going to have the same result? Or is this just a random case of an inadequate and downright ridiculous company refusing to provide SSU with the maintenance its washers and dryers require.

Director of Residence Life Kathy Groult attributed some of the problems to misuse by students. "Overloading is a major problem with the washers and dryers," said Groult. "We bought larger [machines] because they would be able to handle more, but they still can't be stuffed to the top."

According to Groult, repair delays may be due to the frequency of problems. She explained that Webd comes to the University to repair one machine and will then get a call that night about another broken one, but is unable to return immediately. With machines that are only a year

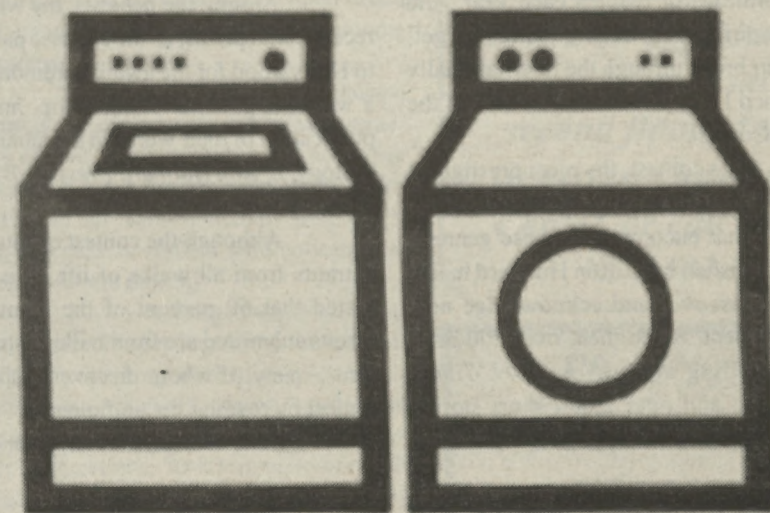
old, though, should they be breaking with such consistency? We think not.

For all those Maytag commercials where the maintenance man just sits by the phone waiting, and yet never gets a call... maybe he has the ringer off. Because if that commercial were true to life, the Maytag worker would be getting calls frequently from SSU.

Whatever happens with

privatization in other areas, the point is that in the case of laundry services, students are being forced to either pay extra money for these inadequate machines or find another way to get their laundry done, including going to Laundromats, friends' houses, or other dorms.

What it all boils down to is wet, dirty clothes, empty pockets, and very aggravated students.



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Although the contest encourages entrants from all walks of life, it is estimated that 60 percent of the manuscripts submitted are from college students, many of whom discovered the contest by reading the anthology.

"The contest, in recent years,

has encouraged more submissions from college and university students," commented Nathalie Cordebard, Contest Coordinator. "we find that students urge other students to enter their manuscripts, who [in turn] encourage other students. It snowballs." The contest is administered by Author Services Inc., Hubbard's literary agency.

Another impressive feature of the contest is the panel of judges that includes some of the biggest names in speculative fiction today: Kevin J. Anderson, Doug Beason, Gregory Benford, Algis Budrys, Anne McCaffrey, Larry Niven, Andre Norton, Frederick Pohl, Jerry Pournelle, Tim Powers, Robert Silverberg, Jack Williamson, and Dave Wolverton.

When asked if there was any one tip she would give to would-be entrants, the Contest Coordinator said, "I suggest picking up and reading a copy of the latest anthology, *L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future, Volume XV*, or any of the earlier volumes. They give the flavor of the contest and the readers will get great writing advice from essays contained in each volume of the anthologies."

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SSU's greatest asset at risk

There is something about a particular college that makes you decide it is the place you want to spend your next two to four years - some characteristic that will make it your home away from home. There are so many choices - Ivy League, DI, DII, DIII, study abroad, various caliber programs of study, club sports, location, cost, aid, scholarships, and so on. Do you remember doing that computer program that helped you choose a college based on your preferences? Can you recall how many choices there were?

Every single person on campus has a reason he/she chose SSU as the place to attend college. Some people chose it for the parties - a lot of them have since transferred or dropped out. My good friend chose it for the nursing program. My roommate fell in love with the campus atmosphere.

I chose SSU for the teacher-student interaction and the relative size of classes, and I guarantee it was a big factor in everyone else's decision as well.

My sister looked at SSU as one of her possibilities when I was a sixth grader. I fell in love with the school then, and decided that was where I was going to college when I was old enough. I loved everything about it - the location, the campus - you name it, everything the tour guide said appealed to me.

When I first arrived at SSU, I was worried about getting lost in a class. In my high school, there were about 700 students total. Every teacher I had for class knew who I was or had heard about me or my older siblings. And even if they hadn't, it didn't take long for them to get to know me.

My first classes at SSU consisted of an average of 25 students in each class. I felt completely comfortable - most of my professors knew who I was, and could call on me by name. I felt comfortable in the 300-level Spanish class I had placed into despite the fact that a majority of the students in the class were much older and more fluent. I no longer had any fears.

SSU's greatest assets are smaller class sizes and its teacher-student ratio, which allows us to speak with our professors whenever the need arises. I have

walked across campus with my professors before. I have emailed them, called them, and have always had a warm and welcome response.

Besides that, with smaller classes, there is the opportunity for more interactive classes. We can hold discussions, ask questions, work together and get more involved in our learning than by simply acting as a passive student while our professors do all the talking.

However, this attraction is in danger. As enrollment increases, we are running out of parking, dormitory space, classrooms, but above all, teacher-student interaction. There are 35-40 students in upper level classes, 70-80 in the lower level classes, and teachers that have no idea who we are. And it's not their fault - we should not place blame on the professors for not being able to remember the names and faces of 200-300 students, especially when the classes change every semester and they get a new group of fresh faces.

This plea goes out to the administration. We are all very excited about the fact that we have achieved Dr. William Merwin's intense desire for "national eminence." That is wonderful - believe us. It is pleasing to see that the administration is trying to improve the quality of the school through raising its standards and bringing in students with higher academics. We welcome the change to a more prestigious college. Hey, that is our diploma and future we are talking about. However, there must be ways of improving SSU without losing its greatest advantage - the student-teacher ratio. Whether this means hiring new professors or even limiting the number of students accepted every year, something should be done. We would not like to see SSU become as large as the University of Maryland or even the University of Delaware. If we had wanted a huge school, where we were lost in our classes and our teachers had no idea who we were or what kind of students we were, we would have gone someplace else. However, we chose SSU with the size in mind. If we are still here, then we know it has been a good decision. Please don't make us regret our choice.

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Editorial

Valentine's Day: a rip-off or something more?

This entire Valentine's Day hoopla is quite hysterical. You walk past card stores - there are aisles full of people (a majority of them men); jewelry stores are crowded; florists are swamped with business; and it seems as if everything is decked out in an array of reds and pinks.

Almost every company has some sort of Valentine's Day gimmick. "Buy her a pair of rhinestone studded socks to make her the happiest woman alive!"

Have you noticed though, that recently it's not just the main three industries - flowers, cards and chocolates - that have been bringing in the cash? Cellular phones advertise as great choices for this Valentine's Day; spas and hair salons get in on it too; and let's



not forget the restaurants and hotels. There's a motel in Salisbury that advertises a Valentine's Day special - king bed for only \$39 a night. How romantic?!?!?!?!?

People can be so funny and hypocritical

on Valentine's Day. Everyone complains about how industry has made this holiday into a big deal. "Valentine's Day is just a way for flower, card and chocolate companies to get us suckered into buying their products." People complain and insist that this year, it is going to be different. "No Valentine's Day goods for me this year." And yet...

We all just keep getting pulled back in. We all go out and spend loads of money on a "romantic" holiday that celebrates the death of a saint.

It is truly a mystery as to why people complain so much, but then run out to the store the next day to buy a big red and white teddy bear for their sweetheart. The only explanation we offer is that deep down inside, we are all mushy and romantic.

Or maybe we are just afraid of what our significant other will say if we don't.

Either way, we hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day!

News from SGA

Dear SSU Community,

On behalf of the entire SGA, I would like to wish everyone a happy and successful semester! The SGA would like to help every student have a great semester by being user-friendlier. The purpose of the SGA is to serve as a way for students to voice their concerns and become informed about major issues on this campus. I you would like to become a well-informed student and have a stronger voice on this campus, learn how to become an SGA senator by e-mailing us at sga@ssu.edu.

Sincerely,
Christine Pelletier
SGA President

Letter to the Editor

A Tale of Two Big Revenue Pies

To the Editor:

With the Assembly about to carve up a big tax surplus and a big tobacco settlement, Maryland is about to decide how really devoted it is to public schools - and hence to attracting teachers. Meeting these 12 "school climate" needs would testify well to that devotion:

1. Repair schools built in the 50's and 60's. Build walls in open-space schools.
2. Put a phone in every classroom. Put a 30-station computer lab in every poverty school.
3. Provide each kid a textbook to take home in each subject. Provide each teacher plenty of xerox paper to compensate for poor textbooks and to complement the good ones.
4. Assign to every new teacher a mentor who does not participate in his evaluation.
5. Expand TV ads to get parents to read bedtime stories to their pre-school children.
6. Reduce class size. Require reading teachers to teach remedial reading and not MSPAP.
7. Establish fast-track certification for would-be secondary school teachers: a one-semester course in professional matters followed by a semester of student teaching.
8. Fund fully the HOPE scholarships - especially to motivate middle school students.
9. Concentrate AVID in middle schools to help poverty students improve their skills so they can qualify in high school for honors and AP courses.
10. Rehab more old buildings as alternative schools for chronically disruptive students.
11. Introduce the International Baccalaureate in more high schools. This program for very able students will, among other things, balance the huge sums spent on special ed.
12. Repay loans of college students who become certified Maryland teachers for five years.

Maryland's public schools will lose half their 49,000 teachers in the next three years, largely due to retirements. At the same time, a respected national magazine rates Maryland's "school climate" a failure. Solving the first problem requires solving the second.

- J.A. Hoage

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Dance Company selection to grace stage at Mid-Atlantic Regional Festival

Liz Wood
Staff Writer

SSU's Dance Company is a "gem of a program," said Dr. Victoria Hutchinson, the organization's director. Despite the program's small size and funding, current and past members have demonstrated remarkable capabilities throughout its history. The company is now a significant recruitment tool for the University.

Recent achievements of the dance program can be observed at the ACDFA Mid-Atlantic Regional festival. Dance minor Shannon Zuchowski's piece "Wounded" was selected to be performed at the competition on March 3, 4, and 5 at James Madison University in

Harrisonburg, VA.

Zuchowski's piece was chosen by a panel of non-SSU affiliated judges. A prestigious honor, "Wounded" is the single student work the judges selected from the fall showcase to advance to the competition.

"Salisbury State is one of 32 schools presenting over 50 works," explained Hutchinson. "I was very impressed with Zuchowski's piece. It's technically difficult."

In addition to choreographing the piece, Zuchowski also helped with recording the music, arranging the lighting, and designing the costumes. The other women taking part in conveying the work also added to its success. "Her dancers are fine

dancers...they have met the challenge of her choreography," commented Hutchinson.

The other dancers include Arin Collinson, Caren Franchetti, Shannon Grubby, Missy Jordan, Kimberly Moore, Erin Rhoades, Stephanie Schultz, Theresa Steiger, True-ly Tiger-Lilly and Breezy Tipton.

"The hardest part is making the time and dedication," said Breezy Tipton. "But the actual performance, even if you only dance the piece three times, is so exhilarating that it's worth all the hard work you put into it." Tipton said watching the dancers progress from square one to being in a major performance has been "really amazing."

Some of the dancers will also be performing "Working Girls," a piece choreographed by the Company's fall director, Maria Malec.

Out of the 50 works to be performed at the ACDFA Festival, eight are to be selected for a gala concert program. Although SSU's Company will be competing with the schools that have larger and more sophisticated programs, Hutchinson said she believes that Zuchowski and her mates stand a good chance at winning a spot.

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Welcome to Freeman welcomes suggestions

Liz Wood
Staff Writer

"Move down here!" "No...try it this way!" One week before SSU's Bobby Biron Theatre opened the semester with *Welcome to Freeman*, the actors and director scrambled to work out final details.

Time passed quickly... now it's show time! The cast members, dressed in street clothes, carry out their parts in style without the use of props or scenery; but do not be mistaken, this is not another rehearsal.

Welcome to Freeman, inspired by Mary Wilkin Freeman's "The Revolt of Mother," is a play-in-the-making. "Because it is a work-in-progress, there are no sets, costumes, props, or music," said Richard Culver, the play's director. For this reason, it is hard to tell the difference, at first glance, between rehearsal and the actual show.

After taking a second look, however, theater-goers will notice a significant difference between the two, not by the use of sets and costumes, but by the script itself. "I understated it when I said two-thirds of the script was re-written," said Culver. "It was more like three-fourths."

One actor believes that deviation

from the norm actually enhances the play's effects. "When we don't have to worry about many props, it makes us more honest," explained castmember Donald J. Atkinson. "We don't depend on elaborate technical effects. Simplicity speaks for itself."

The final product yielded a story about a Massachusetts farm family. Set in 1895, a woman struggles with her husband's decision to build a new barn instead of the house she has been yearning for. Arguments ensue and flashbacks occur before the couple achieves a resolution. In the end, the two discover that the heart of a home is not found in the dwelling itself, but within each other.

In the progression that culminated in Sunday's performance, the cast members "have been absolutely daring and incredibly patient," according to Culver.

Players include SSU students Allison Davis, Andrew Levin and John Moller; faculty Karen Rayne of English, and Dean Defino of the Math and Computer Science Department; as well as Kelley Rouse of WMDT-TV; and Donald Atkinson, a resident of Salisbury.



The cast of *Welcome to Freeman*, first row, left to right: Karen Rayne, Kelley Rouse and Allison Davis; second row, Donald Atkinson, Dean Defino, Andrew Levin and John Moller.

Although this weekend's showing has ended, students can expect to see more of the play in the future. *Welcome to Freeman* is after all, a work-in-progress. Suggestions for improvement are being taken

into account for future shows. Eventually, it may even become a musical.

Culver is not bashful in asking for input. "For me, right now the idea is progress, not perfection," he openly admits.

Student Spotlight Natasha Byrd

Jen Abbatiello
Editor in Chief

"It's the behind-the-scenes person who makes the difference," senior Natasha Byrd commented. "It's not all about who you are, but what you do, and you're not always going to get recognized for what you do." Byrd is a person who makes quite an impact on the SSU campus, someone who could be called a behind-the-scenes person simply because she does what she does to make a difference, not to receive any honors or awards.

Byrd, an English education major, is the Vice President of the Union of African-American Students (UAS), involved with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a senior senator of SGA and also a member of the Student of Color Advisory Board. With all her involvement, it's no surprise that what she really likes about SSU is the fact that "it is a really small campus with a lot of one-on-one. You can get involved with a lot of things, and then you get to know people and they get to know you."

Byrd grew up in P.G. County, where one of her English teachers, Ms. Esch, provided her with a model of a good teacher. "She would sit down with students, which made it like we were all one." Just like this teacher made an impact on her students, Natasha hopes to do the same. Her plans, following graduation in December 2000, include continuing her education for her Master of Arts in English education and becoming an 11th or 12th grade English teacher in the Washington Metropolitan area.

"I encourage more people to become teachers and mentors because we need a lot of young, good teachers. Again, it's not about the money or the recognition; it's about making a difference," she said. Natasha's plans for her own education continue as well. She hopes to get a

second master's degree in Education Administration, and would like to eventually become a principal.

Through her activity in clubs, Byrd has proved that she can make a difference. As an SGA senator, she has worked on the Publicity Committee and is the Chairperson for Diversity Week in May, which coincides with the Multicultural Festival. The NAACP and UAS participate heavily in community service, especially now, as they try to raise money for supplies needed at the Fruitland Community Center, where members work with the after-school program. UAS and NAACP also provide lecturers for SSU, and try to create fun events for their members and other students on campus.

The main goal of Natasha's work in these groups is to diversify the campus. "We want everyone to know that all of our programs are open to everyone, not just minority students," she said. "You need to step outside your comfort zones sometimes." The NAACP and UAS would like to see others who are not minority students at their events. Byrd pointed out this would be a good way to dispel stereotypes and get to know different people.

In her spare time, Natasha loves to read, especially books by Terry McMillian, author of *Waiting to Exhale*, and the works of such poets as Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou. She also spends much of her free time with her boyfriend. Like many other students, Byrd enjoys watching the Learning Channel and Lifetime, with such shows as "The Baby Story," "ER: Life in Trauma," and "The Wedding Story." One day, we may see Natasha on such a show, as she plans to become a certified wedding planner in the future.

Byrd commented that her pet peeve is when others judge her based on their initial encounter with her. She commented that if you see her joking around



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with her friends, you may think one thing of her, but then if you are in a business situation with her, you may see an entirely different side. "Don't judge people by first impressions," she said.

This is an important lesson to live by every day. Perhaps you will meet some-

one and upon the first meeting, dislike or be indifferent towards him or her. Don't give up - you may miss out on getting to know some pretty incredible people. One thing is for sure - Natasha Byrd is a person we would all be lucky to meet.

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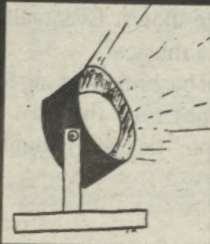
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African-American History Month

Buffalo Soldiers' Day Celebrated at SSU

Press Release
Office of Public Relations

The Thomas Elzey Polk, Sr. chapter of the 9th and 10th (Horse) Calvary, in conjunction with the Baltimore Metropolitan Area chapter, host "Buffalo Soldiers' Day" at SSU on Saturday, Feb. 19 from noon-4 p.m.

Activities include exhibits and a lecture by Dr. Clara Small of the SSU History Department at 1 p.m., commemorating the first African-Americans in the nation's history to serve in the regular peacetime Army. All presentations, free and open to the public, are in the Wicomico Room in the Gurrieri University Center.

Nearly 16 months after the end of the Civil War, an act of Congress authorized the formation of two regiments of Calvary composed of "colored" men. On Sept. 21, 1866, the 9th Calvary Regiment was activated at Greenville, LA, while the 10th Calvary Regiment was activated at Fort Leavenworth, KS.

Under the leadership of Colonels Edward Hatch and Benjamin Grierson, first Regimental commanders of the 9th and 10th respectively, both regiments were trained and equipped. This marked the beginning of a long and proud history for the Buffalo Soldiers.

For over two decades, the 9th and

10th Calvary Regiments conducted campaigns against American Indian tribes on a western frontier that extended from Montana in the Northwest to Texas, New Mexico and Arizona in the Southwest. They engaged in several skirmishes against such great Indian chiefs as Victorio, Geronimo and Nana.

"Buffalo Soldiers" was the name given to the black calvarymen by the Plains Indians; however, the reason is uncertain. One view is that the Native Americans saw a resemblance between a black man's hair and the mane of a buffalo. Another view is that when a buffalo was wounded or cornered, it fought back ferociously, displaying unusual stamina and courage. This was the same fighting spirit Native Americans saw in combat with black calvarymen. Since the Native Americans held the buffalo in such high regard, it was felt that the name was not given in contempt.

The Horse Calvary and the Buffalo Soldiers were disbanded by the U.S. Army in 1944. The Maryland General Assembly signed a citation in 1998, making Feb. 20 of each year "Buffalo Soldiers' Day" in Maryland.

For more information about the Buffalo Soldiers' exhibit and lecture, please contact the SSU Public Relations Office at 410-543-6030.

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Answers will appear in next week's issue.

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What's Happening? A Guide to Campus Events

"Babe Ruth of novelists" to read at SSU

Press Release
Office of Public Relations

Acclaimed writer and novelist Richard Ford will read from his new fiction on Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Wicomico Room of SSU's Guerrieri University Center. As part of the "Writers on the Shore" lecture series, Ford's reading is sponsored by SSU's English Department, Cultural Affairs Council and the Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts and is free and open to the public.

Ford, considered one of America's finest writers, previously read at SSU in April of 1988. Critics have praised him for providing both "the pleasures of narrative and the sad wisdom of art" (*New York Times*). *The Washington Post* calls him, "A Babe Ruth of novelists, excelling at every part of the game." Ford's last novel, *Independence Day* (1995), was an international best seller and the only

novel ever to win both the Pen/Faulkner Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

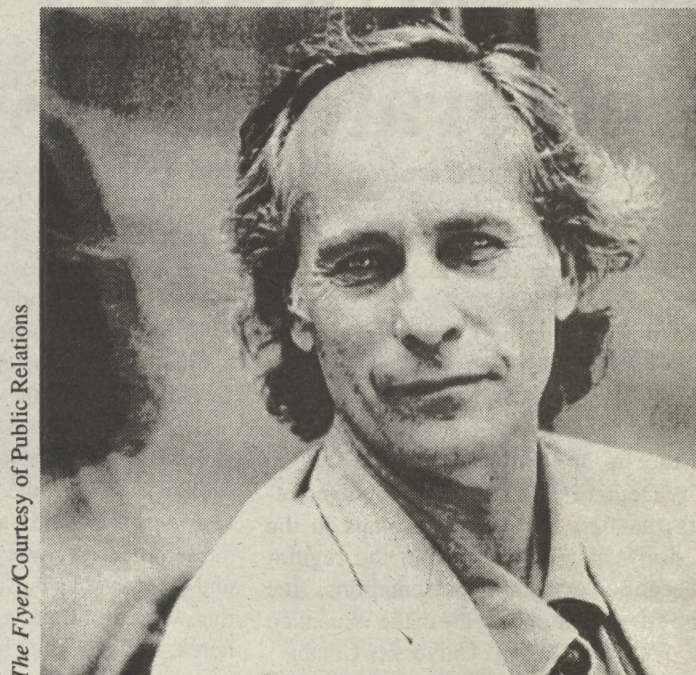
In the three stories that make up his most recent collection of short fiction, *Women with Men* (1997), Ford takes readers from the streets of Paris to the plains of Montana to the suburbs of Chicago, capturing men and women at their most essential and complex moments. In their quest for both privacy and intimacy, Ford's characters struggle through infidelity, estrangement and betrayal. As *Publisher's Weekly* wrote, "Ford is a writer whose directness of utterance and keen eye is combined with a remarkably subtle sense of human comedy, all qualities exemplified here."

Ford received his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and his Master of Fine Arts from the University of California, Irvine. He has taught writing at Princeton University, Williams College, the University of Michigan and

Northwestern University.

Ford is the author of five novels, *Independence Day*, *Wildlife* (1990), *The Sports-writer* (1986), *The Ultimate Good Luck* (1981) and *A Piece of My Heart* (1976). He also has a collection of short stories, *Rock Springs* (1987). Ford lives in New Orleans with his wife, Kristina.

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Fulton portraits unveiled



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SSU officials recently unveiled portraits of benefactors Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton. Painted by Pennsylvania artist Jeffrey Martin, the portraits are displayed in the lobby of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts. The school was named for the Fultons after their generous donation of \$2.5 million in September 1989. Since that time, the Fultons have donated \$200,000 toward a scholarship fund for Worcester County students attending SSU. Present at the unveiling were (left-right): SSU Interim President Joel Jones, Martha Fulton, Charles Fulton and Dean of the School of Liberal Arts Ronald Dotter.

Air Force Band at SSU

Press Release
Office of Public Relations

SSU hosts the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band on Monday, at 7:30 p.m. in Holloway Hall Auditorium. The concert, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, The Daily Times, Saturn of Salisbury and SSU's Cultural Affairs Council. Since seating is limited, tickets are required. Tickets will be available beginning Feb. 7 at The Daily Times and the Information Desk in SSU's Guerrieri University Center.

The concert band will present a program of traditional classics, rousing marches, contemporary selections, a featured soloist and patriotic music.

Formed in 1941, the band travels over 30,000 miles and entertains some one million people each year in over 400 performances. The band has performed for

several Presidents of the United States, the President of France and the Queen of England.

The Heritage of America Band has made significant cultural contributions to communities in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. The band has received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award four times.

Captain Larry H. Lang assumed command of the 60-member band, the Air Force's most honored and decorated, in 1995. Prior to moving to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, home to the Heritage of America Band, he was flagship commander of the Air Force Band of the Pacific, headquartered in Anchorage, AK. He has a master's in music education from the University of New Hampshire.

For more information about the performance, please call 410-543-6271.

Dancers to perform at Regional Tournament

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"It's more of an inspirational thing than a competitive thing," commented Tipton. "Dance is a way for me to express myself. Without it, I'd go crazy."

This spring's competition will be the final performance for some of the group's senior members as part of the Company, but students may not lose sight of all of them. As part of SSU's 75th anniversary celebration, the group is

mustering together some of its best alumni to take part in a spring showcase. Dancer Jen Riddele, a former member of the company who has applied to graduate dance programs in London, England, will be returning to participate in the performance.

All are invited to come relish a small part of the Dance Company's unforgettable past. Performances will be held on April 26, 28, and 29 in the Holloway Hall Auditorium.

What's Up With That?

It's a new semester and it's time for *The Flyer* to make some changes. The Features section will now include a column devoted to your life's questions, ambiguities, confusions, and beefs. Ever wondered why stores put pants for the smallest, shortest people on the top shelf? Or why your roommate can sleep through her alarm for a half-hour, but yells at you when yours wakes her up in two minutes? *The Flyer* will take these questions seriously and research why life seldom seems to make sense. E-mail your ideas to the Features Editor at jca4925@students.ssu.edu and note whether or not you would like your name mentioned.

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Halfpap named new tennis coach

Steve McIntosh
Sports Writer

SSU's tennis team looked to the past for its new men's and women's Head Coach. There, they found and hired former Salisbury tennis player, Randy Halfpap. Halfpap replaced his former coach, John Browning, who has coached the Sea Gulls for the past four seasons. Halfpap was a member of the 1996 and 1997 SSU NCAA Tournament teams and returns to SSU after a stint in Southern California.

According to Dr. Michael Vienna, SSU's Athletic Director, Halfpap was chosen as the new men's and women's coach over 30 other applicants in January, following a national search to fill the position.

Vienna believed Halfpap separated himself from the rest of the applicants because of the enthusiasm he would bring to the program and the fact that he is familiar with SSU. "He already has a dedication and love in the institution and the tennis program here that is something that would take a couple of years to instill in

someone else," commented Vienna.

Since graduation, Halfpap has been a coach at Ponom-Pitzer College in Claremont, CA. He started there as an assistant men's coach in 1997, and was then promoted to head coach the following season. He has held this post for the past two seasons.

Last year, Halfpap's Ponom-Pitzer team finished with a 13-9 record. That ranked them 17th in the nation, only one spot below the SSU team he has recently inherited.

Halfpap accepted the SSU job for several reasons. First, he has ties to the school and, as Vienna said, has a love and dedication for SSU. Also he embraced the opportunity to coach women as well as men, and it is important to him to stay at the Division III level. "My wife and I both graduated from SSU. I love a lot of things about Southern California. When I took the job I thought I would be there for 30 years, but when it came down to it, it was a no brainer," said Halfpap.

Halfpap became involved in ten-

nis at the age of six, picking up the game from his family. His thirst for the sport continued to grow as he aged. "My goal was to beat my mom. When I got to that point, my grandfather would play a lot and I had to move up the ladder. Then I finally got to my dad."

In high school, Halfpap played on a team that initially wasn't very competitive when he first joined. However, the squad improved, winning the conference his sophomore and junior years and a share of the conference title his senior year. The success of the team was directly linked to Halfpap, which can be exemplified by the fact that the team fell into its subpar ways following his graduation.

Halfpap continued to take teams he played for to the next level when he attended SSU, as well. His junior year, he and his teammates faced a ranked team for



The Flyer/Kelly Whaley

Dr. Vienna chose Halfpap from 30 other applicants because of his enthusiasm and connection to SSU.

the first time in Trenton State (now the College of New Jersey.) At the time, SSU had little recognition on the national scene and were considered to be the heavy underdog. See HALFPAP page 22

DiBartolo honored for tremendous season



SSU's Men's Soccer Head Coach, Gerry DiBartolo, has received several post-season awards for his team's success this year.

* CAC Coach of the Year
* NSCAA/Adidas South Region Coach of the Year

SSU Intramural teams set for regional tournament

Press Release

Courtesy of efollett.com

March Madness is hitting college campuses everywhere on every level. Two intramural 3-on-3 basketball teams will be representing SSU at the efollett.com Super Hoops Regional Tournament on Feb. 26, at James Madison University.

The teams will compete against up to 40 other colleges and universities in the region for a host of prizes and bragging rights as the best 3-on-3 intramural hoops team in the region. The teams advanced to the regional championship tournament by winning the competitive on-campus intramural tournament earlier this year.

In the men's division, Guzzlers LTD, featuring David Blankenship, Antonio Lema, Robert Vaughn, and Danny Namorato, will represent the school. The women's champions include Ghetto Fabulous, with Erin Walsh, Cate Begley, Claire Handy, and Sara Patarol.

efollett.com Super Hoops consists of a two-tiered 3-on-3 intramural basketball tournament featuring an estimated

150,000 students competing in men's and women's divisions of play at more than 500 campus tournaments from December through February. Campus winners advance to one of 16 efollett.com Super Hoops Regional Tournaments in March and April. Participating schools receive everything they need to stage a tournament, including promotional material and prizes. The program is endorsed by the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA).

Although we are in the business of providing students with the tools they need in the classroom, we are proud to support Super Hoops and offer students a break from the daily rigors of school with the chance to compete in a fun basketball tournament, said Tim Dorgan, Senior Vice President of E-Commerce for Follett Higher Education Group.

In addition to playing in the competitive 3-on-3 Regional Championship Tournament, each of the participants will also have the opportunity to compete in The Saturn Shootout for additional prizes-even a brand-new Saturn.

Athlete Spotlight:

Piekarski finishes career with CAC honor

Jen Abbatiello
Editor in Chief

"My greatest dream right now is to have enough spare time to fly the kite my boyfriend bought me for Christmas." Senior Teresa Piekarski declared this goal in an interview squeezed between her work at the Admissions Office and her departure for the swim team's Capital Athletic Championship Meet held this past weekend in Fredericksburg, VA.

The CAC meet will mark the last in Piekarski's competitive swimming career. However, to say she has gone out with a bang is an understatement. A four-year swim team member, Piekarski was recently named a CAC Athlete of the Week, after an impressive showing in SSU's last conference dual meet against rival St. Mary's College.

Piekarski placed first in her three events during the meet against St. Mary's, including the 100 Breast and the Medley Relay. It was the 200 Individual Medley, however, that proved to be her toughest race. Two of her opponents in this race were very strong swimmers, one from St. Mary's and one from SSU. In the middle of the race, Piekarski found herself behind, but when the swimmers began to breaststroke, she turned on her engines. "I tried to psyche myself up, so I just said in my head, 'I'm a breaststroker! I'm a breaststroker!' And I ended up taking the lead and winning the race."

Piekarski was named MVP her freshman year at SSU, but was not expecting the honor of being named CAC Athlete of the Week. "I was surprised when I found out, but I was really happy," Piekarski commented. "This recognition brings a nice closure to my senior year for something I have put so much time into over the past 11 years."

Piekarski's swimming career has not always been easy. Her entrance into the

sport was actually her mom's idea as a way for Teresa to make friends after her family moved to a new area when she was 10 years old. Although reluctant at first, Piekarski made many new friends through her first swim team experience and continues to think highly of her teammates, including the members of SSU's 1999-2000 swim team.

"At the beginning of the season, I was worried that I wouldn't be able to swim with all of the other work I had taken on myself. I was ready to quit, but it was my teammates who made me keep going," Piekarski said. "Everyone was really supportive and I want to thank them for that."

Her final swimming season has proven to be rather difficult for Piekarski as a result of her busy schedule. Her work in the Public Relations office began in the fall and will continue until she graduates. Meanwhile, she has just been offered the opportunity to work as a graduate assistant admissions counselor at SSU. She started her work at the Admissions House over the winter term and it has carried over into the spring semester. She plans to continue working there after she graduates in May. During the fall semester, Piekarski was an extremely valuable asset to *The Flyer* staff as the Features Editor. Besides carrying a full course load and all of her other responsibilities, Piekarski is a member of the Honors Program at SSU and several Greek honor societies, including Phi Eta Sigma, Psi Chi, and Phi Kappa Phi.

Following graduation with a major in English and a minor in psychology, Piekarski plans to attend graduate school here at SSU, along with continuing her work in Admissions.

Throughout Piekarski's four years of college, she has seen SSU's swim team change and grow. "I think that this team has really come a long way since



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my freshman year," she said. According to Piekarski, every year there are additions to the team that have an immediate impact on the team's performance.

"Swimming on the college level has been a great experience, one that I will

certainly miss," Piekarski said. "I just can't believe it's over."

SSU's swim team will certainly miss Piekarski's athleticism next year, but more than that, the type of person that she is.



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Gulls look primed for CAC Tournament

Ed Bartholme
Sports Writer

The SSU Men's Basketball Team added a little more distance between itself and the number three team in the conference after defeating Marymount University Wednesday night, 87-67. "It was im-



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SSU won its seventh straight conference game, 87-67.

portant for us to maintain second in the conference and keep our winning streak alive," sophomore guard Doug King said.

The Gulls came out strong with an early run that put them on top early in the first half. Foul trouble and a technical given to senior Gull guard Colin Exelby had improved their record to 14-6 overall and 9-2 in conference. "We lost to them (Marymount) by 19, earlier this season," Head Coach Ward Lambert said. "This was a big win for us and it was nice to return the favor."

The team was led by sophomore forward Victor Jackson, with 18 points; while sophomore King scored 14 and handed out 10 assists. Junior guard Josh Merkel also added some offense from the bench with 13 points. Everyone on the team saw some playing time in the victory. "Our team is our bench," Lambert said. "We have a strong bench with players like Victor and Josh, and it is our style to play all 14 guys every game."

The Gulls next game is Wednesday at Catholic with the CAC regular season title and #1 seed in next week's CAC tournament riding on the contest.

SSU Swimming



The Flyer/Courtesy of Jess Hobson

Winter Results:

Women -

SSU 126 Goucher 69
SSU 59 Notre Dame 34
SSU 66 Catholic 122
SSU 123 St. Mary's 83

Winter Results: Men -

SSU 110 Goucher 42
SSU 56 Catholic 126
SSU 135 St. Mary's 70

- * Both the men and women have their best win/loss records in the history of SSU swimming.
- * Both teams were undefeated at home this season.

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Gulls' late rally falls short, 71-64

Lenny Mierzwa
Sports Writer

On Wednesday, SSU's women's basketball team battled against the Saints of Marymount University. Both teams looked to avenge weekend losses in the conference and improve on their 5-5 records in conference play. The hype of the game was somewhat overlooked, as one of SSU's own approached an impressive milestone. Coming into the game, Lisa Neylan needed just nine points to give her 1,000 points for her career.

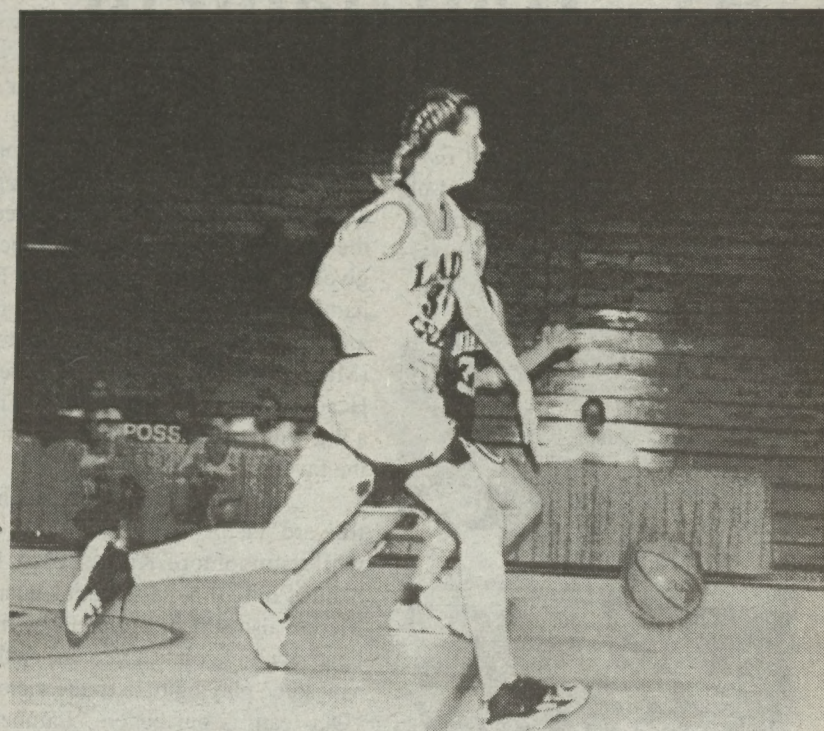
As the game got underway, the Gulls jumped out to an impressive 8-2 lead just three minutes into the contest. The Saints began to turn up the defensive intensity, which forced many SSU turnovers. SSU's lead was cut to 15-12 when Candice Brown broke away from the pack and scored a lay-up and the free throw. Moments later, at the 10:36 mark, Rachel Taylor knocked the ball out of Neylan's hands and also scored a lay-up. Taylor was fouled on the play and added the free throw to tie the score at 19-19.

The Saints took their first lead 10 seconds later when Brown forced a turnover and converted the lay-up. With 8:16 left, Taylor hit a three-pointer to extend the Saints' lead to 26-23.

As the lead grew to 29-24, Amy Campion tried to spark the stagnant Gulls when she split the defense and scored. However, the momentum could not continue as Marymount went on an 11-3 run, which was highlighted by a big three by Kristy Davis. Just before the half, Campion was able to cut the Saints' lead to 40-31 when she converted two free throws.

When the second-half started, it was apparent that the Gulls were planning to feed Neylan the ball in the post. With 18:00 left in the half, Neylan hit two free throws to bring her within two points of 1,000. On the ensuing possession, Jaime Kohlenstein scored the short jumper to cut the Saints' lead to 45-36. After a strong defensive stand, Neylan utilized the screen and roll to perfection. She scored the lay-up and the 1,000 point of her career. Marymount stopped the short SSU run when Brown picked up a loose ball and scored making the score 47-38.

The two teams then matched each other basket for until the score was 57-48. With five minutes left in the game, Neylan scored a put back to cut the lead to 58-52. Moments later, Campion hit a jumper from the free throw line to cutting the Saints lead to 60-56. This was the closest the Gulls would get, as Brown grabbed an offensive



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Freshman Amy Campion has had a stellar first season with the Gulls.

rebound and scored giving the Saints a 62-56 lead. SSU tried to rally, but the Saints had an answer to every run that SSU mustered. Marymount hit key free throws down the stretch and won by a final score of 71-64.

For the Gulls, Campion and Neylan led the offensive attack. Campion had 16 points, 7 rebounds, and 7 assists. Neylan added a double-double, scoring 14 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Brown, who scored 26 points and grabbed 7 rebounds, led the Saints scoring.

After the game, SSU Coach Bridget Benshetler had nothing but good

things to say about Neylan and her personal achievement. "Neylan has had a phenomenal career and is going to leave SSU as the best center to ever play here. She came to SSU as a timid freshman and has put in effort during the off season to help her become the second best center in the CAC Conference."

SSU has one regular season game left. Coach Benshetler feels that any team has a chance to win. "We have played poor our last two games, but we will look to pull things together in practice. I think we have just as good of a chance to win the CAC tournament as anybody."

SSU graduate takes over tennis program

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derdogs. In a surprise to both schools, SSU then went on to beat Trenton making some noise on the national level, which has continued even to this day.

Halfpap decided to become a coach the summer before he graduated from SSU. One day while golfing with Coach Browning, he was asked if he had ever thought about coaching. At the time, Halfpap was considering applying to law school and thinking about the FBI. "After pondering it, I just thought how I much I would miss being part of a team sport. I lost my last match and I didn't want my career to end in defeat," said Halfpap.

Halfpap describes his coaching style as similar to that of LA Lakers Head Coach Phil Jackson. "I'm not someone like

Bobby Knight who is going to get in someone's face. I am laid back. At the same time, I am not going to be in this office while they are practicing. I am going to be out there working with them," said Halfpap. He also said that he does not preach a specific style of tennis, but rather he is a coach that works with each athlete to get the best out of him or her.

Halfpap is aiming for nothing but the top this season in his inaugural campaign. His goals for the men's squad are nothing less than a National Championship and he sees no reason why the men can't achieve that. He also believes that the women's squad has the athletes in place to make a name for itself on the national scene, believing the team can place well in the region.

Tragedy befalls sports world

Jeff Herzig
Sports Writer

On the first day of 1967, a child was born who would claim not only glory on the football field, but also in the virtue of caring. Just five years after being brought into this world, Derrick Thomas lost his father in combat. He was an Air Force pilot in Vietnam. Left fatherless in the heart of the impoverished and dangerous area of Miami, Thomas found refuge and father figures while displaying his passion for football. He starred at the University of Alabama, where he had four stellar years as a pass-rushing specialist. He set a school record with 52 sacks and 74 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. These statistics provoked the Kansas City Chiefs, a team that was struggling at the time of the 1989 NFL Draft, to select Thomas in the first round. In his rookie season, he was an impact player and showed signs that he would be an amazing player in the NFL.

One particular game which solidified Thomas as a rare and special player occurred on Veterans Day in 1990 against the Seattle Seahawks. After being in awe of the Air Force jets as they soared in the clear sky above the stadium following the

national anthem, Thomas dedicated his performance to his valiant father. He made sure that his father would smile from heaven by putting on a defensive game for the ages. His incredible record of seven sacks was complemented by three forced fumbles.

As the seasons passed, Derrick Thomas never fell from greatness and was respected in the league by being named to nine Pro Bowls.

His life off the field became centered around his charity foundation, Third and Long, which he created in 1993. The Third and Long Foundation primarily focused on teaching people in harsh Miami neighborhoods, where Thomas grew up, how to read and write. Giving back to the community became a normal occurrence in Tho-

mas' life, which included visiting diseased and dying children in hospitals around the United States.

An example of Thomas' devotion to children began in December of 1992. Fourteen year-old Philip Tepe, a freshman at Lone Wolf High School in Oklahoma, announced to his basketball team that he had AIDS. Immediately, he was forced to quit the team despite the doctors stating that

the disease would not spread on the court. Then, when area schools played Lone Wolf, the kids treated the team inhumanely by picking fights and even spitting on their faces. When Thomas heard of Tepe and his team's situation, he contacted Philip's family and arranged to visit the dying teenager. Immediately, Thomas and Tepe formed a bond

with each other by talking and spending time outdoors for hours. In June 1993, Thomas arranged for the entire Lone Wolf basketball team to go to Kansas City, where the linebacker took the boys to several celebrity events and gave each of them their own Chiefs uniform. All the gifts that Thomas gave Tepe, however, could not cure his illness. Thomas was there weeping when Tepe passes away and spent much of his time with the mourning family.

Derrick Thomas' beautiful life took a tailspin to tragic death on Jan. 23 while driving through a snowstorm near Kansas City. As the speeding car lost control and flipped over several times, Thomas, and his friend, Michael Tellis, were ejected through the windshield because they were not wearing their seatbelts. Tellis died immediately while Thomas sustained a broken neck and spine that left him paralyzed from the waist down. The possibility of him walking again seemed high according to doctors just two weeks after the crash. However, on the morning of Feb. 8, Thomas died at the age of 33 as a result of a massive blood clot near his heart and lungs.

Derrick Thomas' Career Numbers

Yr.	G	T	S	FF	FR
'89	16	75	10.0	3	1
'90	15	63	20.0	6	2
'91	16	79	14.0	4	4
'92	16	67	15.0	8	3
'93	16	43	8.0	4	1
'94	16	71	11.0	2	3
'95	15	53	8.0	2	1
'96	16	55	13.0	4	1
'97	12	34	9.5	3	0
'98	15	42	12.0	2	0
'99	16	60	7.0	2	0

G=Games, T=Tackles, S=Sacks, FF=Forced fumbles, FR=Fumbles Recovered

Rams conclude dream season on top

Jared Silberzahn
Sports Writer

The Super Bowl was decided over two weeks ago, and by now practically everyone is aware of the miracle season of the St. Louis Rams, from their march to the event and to their triumph of the National Football League Championship. In a game which Sports Illustrated dubbed "the greatest Super Bowl ever," valiant efforts were made on both sidelines. More impressive than the dramatic finish and the statistics of the game, it was the effort put forth by each team that will be remembered most about Super Bowl XXXIV.

Our story of game-time heroics begins with a little more than two minutes left in the game. Rather than following traditional football logic, Offensive Coordinator Mike Martz went with the play that got the Rams to the Super Bowl in the first place. Despite the fact that the Ram defense was on the field for 20 of the previous plays, and that logic called for the Rams to eat the clock to ensure the Titans had little time to score, Martz opted to go for the big play. His plan seemed to work as Isaac Bruce caught a 73-yard reception and the eventual game-winning touchdown. Martz has since been rewarded for his decision-making abilities by being pro-

moted to head coach after Dick Vermeil's retirement.

On the losing side, one must acknowledge the play of Titan quarterback Steve McNair. After a sluggish start for the Titan offense, McNair led the team back from a 16-point deficit with 22 completions in 36 attempts and 214 yards. More impressive, however, was the final charge that he led in an attempt to make Martz and the Rams pay for gambling with so much time on the clock. After marching downfield on a series of successful plays, the Titans had time for one final play. The ball was snapped, and then McNair was forced from the pocket by pressure from the Ram defense. He just barely avoided being tackled before regaining his balance and unleashing a pass to Dyson, who made the reception but was unable to get into the endzone. The time expired, giving the St. Louis Rams the championship. This final play and the drive before it, though unsuccessful for McNair and the Titans, displayed the fortitude that makes up champions. Though they came up short this time, there is no telling what the future holds for this team.

It is obvious that the game Kurt Warner put forth to lead his team to vic-

tory was nothing short of spectacular. With a Super Bowl record of 414 yards passing, Kurt Warner proved that he could finish off a dream season with the perfect happy ending. Not bad for a guy, who only a few years before, was throwing passes for an arena football team. Certainly not bad for a guy who was stocking shelves at a supermarket just to make money so he could continue to work out and keep his dream of playing in the NFL. Warner finally got his chance this season after scheduled starter Trent Green tore up his knee early in the season. Warner took to the field making the league minimum for salary, but left it as the regular season MVP, Super Bowl champion, and Super Bowl MVP.

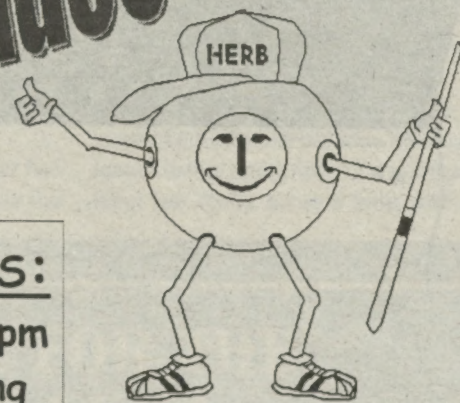
Dick Vermeil ended his first stint in coaching after he led the Philadelphia Eagles to the Super Bowl, but fell short 27-10 in 1981. That along with the exhaustion caused by his excessive amount of work proclaim the reasons behind his retirement. That same loss that pushed Vermeil into retirement was the same factor that pushed him back into the game in 1997. He felt a nagging need to prove something to himself and to his critics. In 1997 and 1998, it seemed that he was headed for another retirement, this time

forced by upper management. The Rams ownership, however, showed faith in Vermeil and it paid off, as he coached the Rams to a miracle season. Vermeil announced his retirement less than 48 hours after the Super Bowl win in an emotional press conference. "I don't want there to be a time next season when I think I should have left while I was on top," he said. "I feel good about this." He should. This time, Vermeil is going out on top.

Super Bowl XXXIV proved to be one of the closest finishes in recent memory and offered many different stories of heroic athleticism, gut-wrenching decision making, and unsurpassed professionalism. The attributes of those involved, however, are what made the game and the circumstances surrounding it even more memorable.



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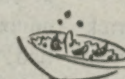
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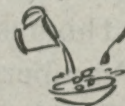
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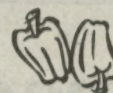
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NEW! Get your five a day the easy way by visiting the Veggie Patch located at the Kozy Kitchen Deli Monday-Friday during dinner. Choose your favorites from a selection of broccoli, corn, a vegetable medley, a rotating vegetable item, 2 Bon Coeur items and Cheddar or Alfredo Sauce.



NEW! Get a taste of Mexico with one of the new items available at Fiesta Express. Look for Southwestern Egg Rolls, Enchilada Casserole and Mexican Lasagna.



NEW! Stop by Pete's Za Pie and we'll hook you up with a slice or two of our Seafood Pizza now available on Friday's during lunch & dinner.



NEW! Craving a complete home-style meal? Visit the Roastery at lunch & dinner and get a taste of our enhanced menu.



NEED SOME NUTRITIONAL GUIDANCE? Dining Services offers nutrition counseling with our University Dietitian, Kate Cerulli. One on one discussions can help you get on the path to healthy eating. Call 410-548-9112 to make an appointment.



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK! Join the F.O.O.D. Committee (Focusing On Our Dining) and receive great benefits—a free meal (use your dinner punch later that night in the Gull's Nest), vouchers for the Cruisin' Cuisine Carts and an appreciation dinner at the end of the semester—just for providing input on our menus. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Caroline Room. Call Tony Cerulli at 543-6104 to sign up.

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Health Department Searches for 2000's Public Health Leader

Do you know a great public health leader? Someone who has done something to improve the health of our citizens? Would you like to see that individual rewarded for their work? Then nominate that person for this year's Public Health Leader Award and acknowledge his/her contribution.

To celebrate Maryland Public Health Week (April 3-9, 2000), the Wicomico County Health Department is encouraging community members to nominate an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the public health of the Wicomico County citizens. The selected individual will be honored at an awards ceremony in April. To nominate an individual, contact Sally Walling, Health Promotions Program, 410-334-3480. All nominations must be submitted by Friday, March 10, 2000.

Internships Available

Do you want real-world experience for your resume? Perhaps you're thinking about a career in business, government, health care, law or conflict resolution. The Maryland Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has internship positions available each semester and summers. You'll learn Maryland's consumer protection laws, be trained to mediate disputes and to provide information through the Division's Consumer Hotline. By interning in the Consumer Protection Division, you will gain the unique opportunity to apply this knowledge throughout your life, plus receive academic credit in most fields of study!

The Division's downtown Baltimore office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is easily accessible by all public transportation. For more information, call 410-57-6519 or see the literature on file at the Career Center.

SENIORS-Graduation Application Deadline

All undergraduate students who plan to complete degree requirements in December 2000 or Winter Term 2001 must complete an Application for Diploma by Friday, March 3, 2000, in the Office of the Registrar. There is no graduation fee.

The purpose of this early application deadline is to allow time for each senior's records to be reviewed in detail prior to his/her last semester of attendance at the University. This insures that students are aware of their academic status early enough to make any last minute adjustments in their plan of study.

Please return your completed Application for Diploma to the Office of the Registrar, Holloway Hall 120, or mail it to the Office of the Registrar, Salisbury State University, 1101 Camden Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801.

SSU Fishing Club

The SSU Fishing Club would like to welcome you back for Spring Semester. We have many things planned for this semester. We have a canoe trip, two possible charter-fishing trips, a camping trip to Assateague, and a Freshwater Fishing Tournament. For more information, email Mike T. at mat9662@students.ssu.edu. Or stop by our meetings every Tuesday at 3:30

p.m. in Nanticoke Room A of the Guerrieri University Center.

Student Speaker for May Commencement

The University Graduation Committee is again seeking eligible students to deliver a brief address to graduating seniors this May. Criteria for eligibility include a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above (including Winter '99 if applicable) and completion of at least 60 hours at SSU, of which at least 30 semester hours are in the 300 or 400 level courses (grades of A, B, or C). If you are interested and eligible for consideration for this honor, pick up an application and timeline in the Vice President of Student Affairs Office in the University Center, room 212. Application and speech must be submitted by noon, March 17.

Study Abroad with InterStudy

InterStudy Programs offer integrated study abroad opportunities for undergraduate students in Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Belgium, South Africa and the tropical island of Mauritius.

InterStudy provides guaranteed housing and access to all campus facilities and to medical services provided by the University.

The inclusive program cost covers tuition and housing, InterStudy on-site orientation, pre- and post-program advising services, excursions, e-mail, a bank account with meal allowances and transcript services.

June Johnson, from InterStudy, will be on-campus Feb. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Commons Building Lobby to talk with interested students.

Study Skills Workshops

SSU's Student Counseling Services provides study skills workshops throughout the spring semester. Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 3:30 p.m. will mark the next workshop. The topic discussed by SSU Academic Success Counselor, Robert Crawley, will be "Note-Taking/Listening Skills and Learning Styles/Thinking Skills." All workshops are located in the Blackwell Library, Seminar Room #131. To guarantee a seat in the workshop, please call Student Counseling Services at 410-543-6070. Walk-ins are welcome to attend if there are available seats. Student Counseling services also provides one-on-one counseling in regards to study skills. Call or stop by Room 263 of the Guerrieri University Center to schedule an appointment.

Union of African-American Students (U.A.S.)

The U.A.S. will be sponsoring a lecture on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Caruthers Hall Auditorium in celebration of African American History Month. Mr. Charles Barron will be the keynote speaker for the evening. Mr. Barron, President/CEO of Dynamics of Leadership, Inc. will be speaking on the topic of Ebionics: Leadership, Language, and Liberation. This event is free and open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. There will also be a reception immediately following the lecture. For more information, contact The Office of Multiethnic Student Services at 410-548-4503 or Brandi Mahone and Natasha Byrd at 8-4592. Thank you and we hope to see you there!

SCHOLARSHIPS

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Education Department at SSU invites all elementary and secondary education majors to apply for any and all of the following scholarships if they meet eligibility criteria. Online applications (<http://seidel.ssu.edu/~education/ScholApp/>) may be printed and submitted to the Education Department, Caruthers Hall 148. Blank application forms are also available in Caruthers Hall 148. Application deadline is March 15, 2000. Available scholarships include:

Delta Kappa Gamma Beta Chapter Award (\$100) awarded to a senior woman majoring in education who is currently student teaching or who has completed student teaching. Must have graduated from

a Worcester, Wicomico, Dorchester, or Somerset County high school and show promise of becoming a successful teacher.

Caruthers Memorial Award (\$125) awarded to a junior or senior education major who evidences academic scholarship, leadership skills, involvement in campus and/or community activities and who shows promise in becoming a successful teacher.

Institute for Retired Persons (IRP) (\$1000) one award to elementary education major, and one award to secondary education major who has graduated from a Somerset, Wicomico, or Worcester County high school. Must have a 2.85 GPA or better for previous three semesters and

demonstrate leadership ability as well as university and/or community service.

Wicomico Women's Club Scholarship (\$1500) awarded to a junior elementary or secondary education major who has a 3.0 cumulative GPA or better, and who evidences leadership and scholarship. Must be a graduate of a Maryland Eastern Shore high school.

Anne H. Matthews Award (\$150) given to a junior education major who shows promise of becoming a successful teacher. Must evidence good relationships with fellow students, have desire for knowledge and professional growth, and show involvement in campus and/or community activities.

Penelope Jarman Memorial Scholarship (up to \$750) awarded to a junior education major whose concentration of interest is Early Childhood Education. Students must have a 2.75 cumulative GPA or higher and an SAT score of 1250 or better. Leadership and scholarship must be demonstrated.

Worcester County Teachers' Association Scholarship (\$1000) awarded to a junior education major who is a graduate of Worcester County Public Schools. Must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher and be enrolled as a full time student at SSU.

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CRIME BEAT

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Jim Phillips
Director of Public Safety

12/23-2/4-Theft-a student reported that a bike was stolen from the Manokin bike barn.

12/1-Theft-a student reported that green parking permit #5473 was stolen from a vehicle while parked in the Caruthers lot.

2/2-Trespassing/Peeping Tom (off-campus)-the Salisbury Police are investigating an incident of a man found in the crawl space of a ceiling at apartments on Eastern Shore Drive. The residents of the apartments are SSU students.

2/2-Theft-an HP Jet Direct External Print Server was reported stolen from a room in the Math Department of the Power Professional Building.

2/4-Marijuana Violation-University police officers responded to a call of the odor of burning marijuana coming from a room on the 2nd floor of Severn Hall. The room was occupied by a resident of the room and two visitors, one of which was found hiding in the closet. Administrative charges are pending.

2/4-Hit & Run-a student reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the Caruthers lot.

2/6-Alcohol Violation-a student and a visitor were caught trying to bring a keg of beer into St. Martin Hall. The two will be issued civil citations for possession of alcohol. The keg was confiscated.

2/6-Suspicious Person-a non-student followed, by car, into the library parking lot.

A conversation ensued and the student told the person that she did not want to speak to him. He then drove away. A no trespass letter will be sent.

2/6-Suspicious person-a resident of Chesapeake Hall was driving to campus and was followed by a man in a vehicle. He followed her to the Library parking lot, parked near her and attempted to engage her in conversation. She wouldn't speak to him and drove away. She provided University Police with a description and tag number. A no-trespassing letter will be issued.

2/7-Misuse of Computer-a non-student was using a computer in the Library contrary to policy. A no-trespassing letter will be issued.

2/7-Theft-an Oriental rug was reported missing from the 1st floor of Fulton Hall near the Gallery. The rug is described as measuring 9' x 6'4", Indo-Sarouk pattern, property #26346.

2/8-Theft-a resident of Manokin Hall reported that the contents of a book bag were stolen from the 1st floor lobby of the Commons.

2/8-2/9-Vandalism-a resident of Chester Hall reported that a vehicle was damaged while parked in the Dogwood lot.

2/9-Theft-a student reported that a canvas bag and two textbooks were inadvertently left unattended on the sidewalk near the rear of Caruthers Hall. When the student returned to pick up the property, it was gone.

2/11-Telephone Misuse-a resident of Chester Hall reported receiving several annoying and unwanted phone calls.

CRIME SOLVERS of the Lower Eastern Shore, Inc. Will pay a reward of up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of criminals or capture of unwanted persons. You do not have to give your name. CALL 410-548-1776

SCHOLARSHIPS

E. Pauline Riall Achievement Award Deadline Extended

The deadline for the E. Pauline Riall Achievement Award for an outstanding Elementary Education senior has been extended to March 15. Students wishing to be considered must have completed student teaching during the 1999 spring or fall semesters. Candidates are to submit a portfolio of their accomplishments which includes: current transcript of academic record, videotape of student teaching lesson, letters of recommendation, student teaching records, letter of application, evidence of campus/community leadership and other appropriate data. Submit portfolios to: Dr. Carolyn Bowden, Chair, Education Scholarships Committee.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now being accepted for 2000-2001 arts scholarships, which are offered by the Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council to high school seniors entering college, or current college freshmen, sophomores, or juniors who show promise in the arts, either visual, performing, creative, writing, or media/communication arts. Deadline for application

receipt is 5p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Required auditions will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2000.

Up to \$4,000 in scholarships will be awarded to a maximum of eight winners. Decisions are based on written applications, personal interviews, and either a portfolio or audition before a panel of professional artists.

To be eligible for an award, the student must be a legal resident of Wicomico County and either a high school senior entering college or a full-time college freshman, sophomore, or junior who is or will be enrolled in formal study leading to a certificate or a degree in 2000-2001 in the arts.

For a copy of the guidelines and an application form, students may visit the office of the Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council at 104-A Poplar Hill Ave. (one block east of Rt. 13 and one block north of Main St., above Season's Best Clothing Store) in downtown Salisbury, or call SWAC at 410-543-ARTS.

BERNSTEIN AWARD COMPETITION

\$5000-would you like to win it? An information meeting will be held on

Thursday, Feb. 17 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Holloway Hall Room 119. All students, regardless of your major, undergraduate, or graduate are eligible for this award. You must present plans for the business of their dreams either alone or in collaboration with other students. Whether you are interested in making jewelry, opening a Montessori School, providing massage therapy, building houses or teaching voice, you are eligible to compete. It may be your beginning to a prosperous future.

Former award winners include: Pete Engler-Nacho Pete's, Tara Walker-Wear It Again for Him, Derek Post-Tender Heart Child Care and John Dikos-Blue Marlin Marine.

For more information, call Professor George Rubenson, Perdue School of Business, at 410-543-6187.

COLLEGE STUDENTS INVITED TO ENTER THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CHRISTOPHER VIDEO CONTEST-\$6,000 in prizes and airtime on television series.

The Christophers have announced their Thirteenth Annual Video Contest for College Students. The contest includes cash awards of \$3,000, \$2,000,

and \$1,000 for the top three entries. Winners will also have their work featured on the syndicated television program, *Christopher Closeup*. The program reaches millions of people throughout the U.S. as well as 166 foreign countries via the Armed Forces Network.

To enter, students must interpret the theme: "One Person Can Make a Difference." Past winners have used a variety of styles and genres including drama, comedy, documentary, news format, music video, and animation.

Entries may be created using film or video, but must be submitted on VHS tape only, and must be five minutes or less in length. The contest is open to all currently enrolled college students, on both the undergraduate and graduate level. Students may enter more than once, but an official entry form must accompany each video. The deadline for entries is June 16.

Official entry forms are available from campus Media or Communications Departments or by writing to: College Video Contest, The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017, or by calling 212-759-4050. They are also available at: www.christophers.org/vidcon2k.html on the web.

GREEK FORUM

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Alpha Sigma Tau AST

Hey everyone, welcome back! Hope your semester is off to a good start. Membership Recruitment is February 15-17. Look for flyers around campus. Anyone interested, get in touch with any AST sister. Any Greeks wanna social? Talk to Kirsten. Valerie is awesome! We'll have that Leprechaun Social someday!

Delta Gamma ΔΓ

Welcome back, everyone! Delta Gamma is in the middle of exciting spring recruitment. Don't worry though, we will have a party at Herb's Place on Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m. for all of you who missed us last week. We are looking forward to an eventful semester to start off this new millennium, and shout -outs to all our January birthdays!

Phi Mu ΦΜ

Welcome back, everyone! Hope you enjoyed the break. Happy B-day to: Chas-12/28, Ami-1/16, and Aimee-2/21. Congrats to all the new sisters: Betsy, Cathy, Erin, Katie, Liz, Melissa, Michelle, Tara, and Tara. Also, congrats to everyone who helped with recruitment, it was a lot of fun! Get ready for Spring 2000, girls! Let's make this semester the best ever!

Sigma Alpha Epsilon ΣΑΕ

Everything is going great with RUSH. Come out and see us Monday, Feb. 21 at 8:30 for Monday Night Raw and Nacho Pete's Tacos. Meet in front of Commons. Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 8:30 for Adam's Ribs, meet in front of Commons. Just to let everyone know, some guy named Paddy said that he would be stopping in town some time in April, everyone remembers the last time he was here, or maybe you don't because he throws such a good party.

Tau Kappa Epsilon ΤΚΕ

First and foremost, Happy 21st "Frito" (and everyone else whose we missed). Please make sure you all check out Frito's park and ride on Route 50 (Just kidding, Frito). Hey Kent and Joker, see ya at the "Barrell". Hey ladies, if you want to party with us (of course you do) call Bill 410-572-6150. Any guys on campus looking for something to do, check us out. You'll be happy you did. Hey Doc and Joker-when is the Britney Spears concert? Know you'll have fun. Remember Boone says pay your dues...As Chad and Cory said, "We are all on the same page, it's just the page is a little crumpled up." So whatever you do, RUSH TKE. Happy Valentine's Day and if you're one of our girlfriends (or wives, Ashley) and we forgot the flowers, we are really sorry. Hey Tick-come back please.



Fall 1999 Newly Initiated Sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha. (Not pictured - Wynter and Stephanie)

Zeta Tau Alpha ΖΤΑ

Welcome back, SSU! We hope everyone had a fun and relaxing break. Is everyone ready for the new semester? We know our 13 newly initiated sisters are! Congratulations to Rico, Katie, Jodi, Erin, Aubrey, Maribeth, Karen, Carrie L., Wynter, Stephanie, Vicki, Amanda and Susan. Thanks to SAE for the last social of '99. Congrats to Carrie, Jamie, Megan, Kati, and Lynn on graduation. We miss you! Happy Birthday over the holidays to Susan, Sarah, Kristi, Katie, Amy S., Carrie L., Aubrey, Nicole, Carrie K., Janet and Michelle. Happy Birthday this week to Lauren B. To the EC officers and PC staff

of 1999 thanks you for all of your hard work this past year. Congrats to our new EC officers and PC staff we can't wait for things to get started! Want to find out more about us? Check out our new website at <http://students.ssu.edu/~zta/>. We will be holding new member interest nights on Feb. 15 and Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall in Holloway Hall and on Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. in the Wicomico Room in the University Center. We hope to see you there! Thanks to Justin Bernstein and Michael Bernstein of Bernco t-shirts for their speedy service it is greatly appreciated. Did every sister find a Valentine? Speaking of which...interested in a social? Call Nicole at (443) 260-0565.

Want your sorority or fraternity to appear in The Flyer? Then simply submit your Greek Forums to The Flyer Office, 2nd floor of the University Center by 4 p.m. Thursdays. Late submissions will not be accepted.

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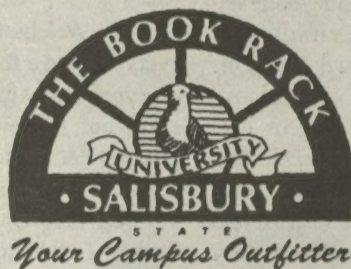
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